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In re Application of :
Schaefer et al. :
Application No. 09/996,244 :
Filed: November 28, 2001 :
Title: Trapping and Storage of Free Thermal :
Neutrons in Fullerene Molecules :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed July 20, 2006.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

This above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a supplemental appeal brief. An Appeal Brief was filed on May 14, 2004. An advisory action was mailed on August 23, 2004. A Notice of Non-Compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 was mailed on September 8, 2004, providing petitioner with a one month reply period. An appeal brief was filed on October 8, 2004. A Notice of non-compliant brief was mailed on February 16, 2005, setting an extendable one month period of reply. A supplemental appeal brief was submitted on March 18, 2005. A Notice of abandonment was mailed on June 20, 2006.

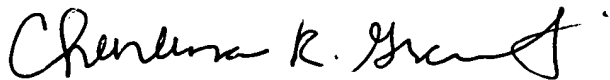
Petitioner requests the abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn. Petitioner contends the submission of the supplemental appeal brief on March 18, 2005 was timely because it contained a certificate of mailing date of March 16, 2005.

A review of the record shows that the supplemental appeal brief submitted on March 18, 2005, contains a certificate of mailing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8. Thus, the brief is considered as timely filed.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

This application is being forwarded to Art Unit 3663 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

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